

editorial that I ask be printed the RECORD, commenting on the matter of gambling in Illinois.

The phenomenon is not a problem only in Illinois.

I have introduced legislation calling for a national commission to look at where we are going in this area and to look into its impact on the Nation.

We are talking about the fastest growing industry in the United States, and there are obviously problems that go with that escalation.

The Drake Law Review recently had a very extensive study of this question and came to the conclusion that we are harming our country.

I hope Congress will authorize a careful look at this whole question.

The editorial follows:

[From the Pantagraph, Feb. 23, 1995]

ODDS AGAINST CONTROLLING GAMBLING FEVER IN ILLINOIS

Gambling fever seems to be spreading across Illinois like a prairie fire.

Horse tracks have been around for awhile, but the state broke new ground by subsidizing the rebuilding of Arlington International Raceway when the original track burned.

For those who didn't want to go to the tracks, there have been plenty of bingo parlors around. And the state finally got around to licensing them to make them legal.

And there is the state lottery, where the proliferation of games to lose money—with a few exceptions, of course—never ceases to amaze us.

We also have the riverboats, the floating crap games. It hasn't been enough to just have the riverboats; owners have chartered buses to transport gamblers from various cities.

Oh yes, let's not forget the offtrack betting parlors that have sprung up in at least a half-dozen Illinois cities.

But there is still constant stirring in Springfield for more licensed gambling—casino gambling.

Had enough? There's more.

The mega-raffles seem to be hitting Illinois much harder this year, too.

There's one in Bloomington-Normal now. Central Catholic High School's Dream House raffle is offering a top prize of a \$200,000 house under construction on Bloomington's northeast side. Only 2,400 tickets are being sold at \$100 each.

Sangamon County is concerned enough about such raffles that it regulates them with a code. Last month, the county raised the maximum for such raffles from \$150,000 to \$250,000. Since then, a fourth "mega-draw-

ing" of the year has been announced in Springfield—this one for a \$180,000 house to benefit Big Brother/Big Sister of Sangamon County.

Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised that in that same city, legislation was introduced two weeks ago to permit video lottery gambling at locations licensed to conduct charitable games, primarily private/social clubs.

We haven't even mentioned the office pools or the illegal bookies and tip boards in probably every major city.

It seems rather ironic that this fever pitch for gambling is often tempered because proceeds are earmarked for charity, or education, or county fairs.

We know gambling is an easy way to make a quick buck—for the sponsor.

And we haven't mentioned that a small bet for a large prize can be titillating.

But the stakes seem to be escalating. It's time Illinois legislators take a more critical look at gambling—what it was, what it has become, what it has done and where it is going.

Please, no more legalized gambling. We'll bet there are ample opportunities to lose money now. ●

ORDERS FOR TOMORROW

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until the hour of 10 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 1995; that following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11:00 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator GRASSLEY, 10 minutes; Senator Abraham, 10 minutes; Senator KOHL, 10 minutes; and Senator GRAHAM from Florida, 15 minutes.

I further ask unanimous consent that at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 889, the supplemental appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, for the information of all of my colleagues, a

cloture motion was filed today on the pending amendment offered by Senator KASSEBAUM. Therefore, cloture will occur on the Kassebaum amendment during Monday's session of the Senate. It is my hope that tomorrow we will temporarily set aside the Kassebaum amendment so we may continue to consider other amendments to the bill. Senators should be aware that rollcall votes are expected throughout Friday's session of the Senate.

I will just say to my colleagues who are in their offices, or staff, that I have not had a procedural vote this year. I do not like procedural votes. I do not like Sergeant at Arms votes, but unless we can make some progress tomorrow—of course, if Senators are talking, there would be no need, but unless those who are opposing us from putting the question on the pending amendment are willing to talk, we will have procedural votes tomorrow, even though I have never been particularly excited about that approach.

I will also say, we come in at 10 a.m., and tomorrow Dr. Halverson will lead us in prayer for the final time. So I hope my colleagues will be here a little before 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:03 p.m., recessed until Friday, March 10, 1995, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 9, 1995:

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

DANIEL A. MICA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 1997, VICE W. SCOTT THOMPSON, TERM EXPIRED.

HARRIET M. ZIMMERMAN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 1999, VICE WILLIAM R. KINTNER, TERM EXPIRED.